

Corridor X Task Force
July 9, 2001
Bevill Community Center
Fayette, Al.

Fayette Mayor Ray Nelson, Fayette County Probate Judge William Oswald, and Representative William Thigpen welcomed the task force to Fayette. They pledged their leadership and support to the regional efforts of the task force and the development of Corridor X.

Larry Watts, with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham was the featured speaker. Larry is currently working with an organization that is looking at the development of the I59/I20 Corridors between Tuscaloosa and Birmingham and between Birmingham and Anniston. He indicated that the process followed with these two corridors (see attached) would apply to the development of Corridor X, and that he would like to see this task force become a partner in this effort.

Larry stated that the corridors are high profile and will influence so much of what happens in the state of Alabama. The challenge is to plan the development of these corridors in a way that maximizes the benefit to the region and to the people who live there.

A corridor study contributes to a long-range plan for the corridor. Landowners and other stakeholders are brought in early in the process to discuss several issues, including the following:

- What is the economic development potential?
- Where are the opportunities?
- How do we make the most of the corridor?
- What do we want the corridor to look like?
- What about the towns not directly on the corridor? What is the impact to them?

Corridor X is a new project and therefore, a new economic development opportunity for the region. Since the area is relatively undeveloped, we have the opportunity to work with a "clean slate".

Larry, along with commissioners from Jefferson County, will be our guests at the next Corridor X Task Force meeting. **The next meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2001 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Alabama Power Company Office in Hamilton, Al.**

Corridor X Management and Development Plan Proposed Scope of Work

- I. Establish Corridor Development Assessment Steering and Advisory Committees.**
- II. Data Collection and Mapping**
Current Land Use, Infrastructure, Demographic, Regulatory, Physical and Natural Features, Existing Road Development Plans, and Projected Future Land-Use.
- III. Economic Review**
Review of Regional Economic Development Data
Determine Trends Affecting Development in the Corridor
Determine Overall Economic Development Demand
Determine Specific Market Projections
Identify Implications of Development
Produce Economic Overview of Corridor Region
Apply ARC Economic Opportunity Model from collected data and committee structure.
- IV. Data Analysis**
Analyze Information for the Purpose of Identifying Opportunities, Constraints, and Key Issues with respect to specific development opportunities.
- V. Identify Development Scenarios in Conjunction with Current Plans**
Scenarios will be based on infrastructure and land development issues, access areas, open space needs, and future economic development plans.
- VI. Data Input Plans**
Based on data and input for land and infrastructure development in the Corridor (near term, mid term, and long range)
- VII. Draft Recommended Policies and Strategies for Infrastructure and Land Development**
- VIII. Draft Implementation Model**
Recommendation for an organizational/regulatory structure to oversee the implementation of the plan. The plan will be developed and revised for approval by established committees.
- IX. Produce Final Report and Maps**
Produce a written, graphic, and digital documentation that can be broadly distributed and understood by all parties, and can be readily updated as the implementation process proceeds. This will be created as public access data and documented in GIS database.